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★ North Vietnam's Le Duc Tho—remember him?—used to negotiate with Henry Kissinger in Paris, supposedly to work out a peaceful settlement of the Vietnam War. But Tho, who received the Nobel Peace Prize, it is now discovered, once seriously proposed to Kissinger that the U.S. assassinate the South Vietnamese chief of state, President Nguyen Van Thieu. According to Newsweek, the story is all spelled out in "Silent Missions," a forthcoming autobiography of the CIA's ex-deputy director, Lt. Gen. Vernon Walters.